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In application of :

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For **SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHODS**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initiating the Examination of the above-described continuation application, Applicants herewith submit the following Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 and add the following claim:

- 1 2. A method of controlling an output network, said output network  
2 comprising an origination station, a delivery station, and a third station, said  
3 origination station comprising a computer for controlling the communication of signals,  
4 said computer being programmed to with said origination station storing one or more  
5 signals, each stored signal having an associated one of:  
6 (1) a file designation datum; and

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